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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, ... 1,300,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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MANAGER.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.
" 6 " 4% " "
" 12 " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Banks.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 8 months, 8 per cent. per annum.
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
ELEGANT ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, OLEOGRAPHS, CHROMOS, GLASSWARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON WEDNESDAY,

the 30th of April, 1879, at 2 p.m., at No. 24, Gage Street, Corner of Peel Street,

ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—

English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.

English-made Mahogany Centre Table, Arm-chairs, Easy Chairs, Whatnots, Chimney Glasses, Brussels Carpet, Rugs, Engravings, Oloographs, Statuettes, and Ornaments.

English-made Mahogany Bedstead, with Spring Mattress; Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Cheval Glass, Toilet Tables, Washing-stands, Writing Table, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glassware, Plated Ware, &c., &c.

A Cottage Piano, by Lunan, Lubeck, almost new, and in splendid tune.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on Tuesday, the 29th April.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

F. RAPP,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879. ap30

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 5th day of May, 1879, at 11 A.M., At HER MAJESTY'S STORES, Queen's Road East,—

The following UNSERVICEABLE GOVERNMENT STORES.—Old Boats, Blankets, Brass Canvas, Copper, Cordage, Rugs, Cast and Wrought Iron, Leather, Cotton, Linen and Woolen Articles, Waterproof Sheets, Steel, Timber, Tin, Zinc, Casks, Packing Cases, Canteens, and various Miscellaneous Articles.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All faults and errors of description, to be at purchasers' risk, on the fall of the hammer.

J. MOORE, A.C.G.,
Com. Gen. of Ordnance, China.
Ordnance Office,
Hongkong, April 25, 1879. my5

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H.M. NAVAL STORE-KEEPER to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 6th May, 1879, at Noon, at H.M. NAVAL YARD,—

SUNDRY Condemed NAVAL AND VICTUALLING STORES, comprising—
Old Iron, Boats and Hoses.

Flannel, Serge and Drill.

Sundry Provisions, Tobacco, Clothing Implements, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 28, 1879. my6

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.—Island Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VAN, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879. my20

Intimations.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

CALCUTTA SUN HATS and HELMETS in New Shapes.
CHRISTY'S SUMMER STRAW and FELT HATS.
ELLWOOD'S EXTRA LIGHT PATENT AIR CHAMBER HELMETS.
FRENCH Light SUMMER BOOTS & SHOES, CANVAS SHOES.
ELECTRO-PLATED ICE PAILS, ICE TONGS, ICE SHOVELS, ICE PITCHERS.
The New ELECTRO-PLATED READING LAMPS for Kerosine, perfectly safe.
ELECTRO-PLATED CIGAR LAMPS, LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS.
POCKET SIPHONIAS and WATERPROOF COATS.

AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS, PERFUMERY and TOILET SOAPS.
INDIA RUBBER AIR BEDS, CUSHIONS and PILLOWS.
The New CHIT BOOKS. MAPS OF AFGHANISTAN.
CAFETIERES. COCOA-NUT MATTING & MATS.
NEW SCARVES, BRACES and COLLARS.

The PATENT LIFE JACKETS and SWIMMING BELTS.
MEERSCHAUM and BRAHMI PIPES. DE LA RUE's and AMERICAN PLAYING CARDS.

The Celebrated HUNYADI JANOS MINERAL WATER.

SPEATTY'S FIBRINE DOG BISCUITS. MAGNIFYING GLASSES.

MAPS OF CHINA.
A Large COLLECTION OF WORKS
OF REFERENCE.

FAMILY SCALES.

OVERLAND TRUNKS.

CLARETS, SAUTERNES and OTHER LIGHT SUMMER WINES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, April 2, 1879.

ROSE & Co., 31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD,

BEG to inform their numerous Patrons that they have received, Ex French and English Mail and other late Arrivals, their NEW GOODS for the Season.

CONSISTING OF—
The New "ETONA" CLOTHES, YOSEMITES, MUSLINS, GALATEAS, &c., &c., for LADIES' DRESSES.

Also, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS, in all the Newest Shapes.

BOYS' SAILOR HATS, in the New Styles.

LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES, PEERLESS GLOSS.

A Good Selection of English and French FLOWERS and FEATHERS.
2-Button and 6-Button KID GLOVES, in sizes of 8 and 6 pairs.

COSTUMES and PARIS MILLINERY, SUNSHADES.

COLLARS and SLEEVES, in the Newest Designs.

VALENCIENNES, BRUSSELS, TORCHON, and other LACES.

FICHUS, LACE SETS.

MUSLIN and LESSE FRIELLINGS, in great variety.

RIBBONS in all the New Shades, REVERSIBLES, &c.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, CORSETS, SKIRTS, UNDER-CLOTHING &c., &c.

GENTLEMEN'S WHITE SHIRTS, with and without Collars attached.

GENTLEMEN'S INDIA GAUZE VESTS, in great variety.

GENTLEMEN'S CHRISTY'S STRAW and FELT HATS: Black and Coloured SILK SOCKS, TIES, COLLARS, STUDS, BRACES, PERFUMERY, &c., &c., &c.

LINENS, SHEETINGS, CALICOES, DIAPERS, HOLLANDS, CRETONNES, TABLE CLOTHS, MUSLIN and LACE CURTAINS, CURTAIN LOOPS, LACE CURTAINS by the Yard, 2 yards Wide.

MILLINERY AND DRESSMAKING.

All Coast Orders Punctually Attended to.

ROSE & Co., 31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, April 25, 1879. my9

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Articles of the Association of the Company, and of the Companies' Ordinance, 1868, an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, situated at No. 7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, at 8 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 8th day of May next, for the purpose of passing a special Resolution making certain alterations in the Articles of Association of the Company to the following effect, viz.—

1. That the General Managers, with the sanction of the Consulting Committee, in any year that the accounts of the Company shall render it desirable, may pay losses wholly or in part out of the excess of the Reserve Fund over and above £25,000, in order that contributing and other Shareholders may not unnecessarily be deprived of Bonus and Dividend if such changes take effect from the 1st January, 1878.

2. That the annual bonus payable to contributing Shareholders and the annual contribution to the reserve fund be left to the discretion of the General Managers and Consulting Committee, and that the sum to be annually appropriated to dividend be subject to the approval of the Company in Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby also given that a Second Extraordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held, at the same hour and place, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of May next, for the purpose of confirming such special Resolution as aforementioned.

Dated the 1

THE CHINA MAIL.

Intimations.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

C. POPPELBAUM begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he has taken over the BUSINESS of Mr H. SCHUREN—well-known in Hongkong—and is prepared to take PHOTOGRAPHS daily from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. Having previously been employed by Mr SCHUREN, and had long experience in some of the most Celebrated Studies in EUROPE, he will take any Work in PHOTOGRAPHY, and is able to guarantee satisfaction to all who favour him with their Patronage. Photographs enlarged to life-size and finished in Artistic Style. Any Pictures not meeting with the approval of Patrons will not be charged for.

PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO,

Wynham Street.

Hongkong, April 21, 1870. my21

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A N EIGHTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 3rd April. Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th April.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 9th April, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & CO.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, April 1, 1870. my7

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned will in future be conducted under the Firm of SHARP & DANBY.

SHARP & CO.,
Estate Agents and Valuators.WILLIAM DANBY, C. E.,
Architect and Surveyor.

No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
lately occupied by
MOUNT D. SASSOON & CO.

Hongkong, April 17, 1870. my17

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WILLIAM SALWAY in our Firm CEASED on the 1st Instant. Mr W. SALWAY will Sign the Firm in Liquidation.

WILSON & SALWAY,
Architects, &c.

Hongkong, April 7, 1870. my7

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, I have admitted Mr SOTHEBY GODFREY BIRD as a Partner; the Business will henceforward be continued under the Name of 'WILSON & BIRD.'

W. WILSON.

Hongkong, April 7, 1870. my7

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1870. my1

NOTICE.

MR JAMES ANDERSON, formerly Manager of the Foochow Docks, has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

J. INGLIS & CO.,
Victoria Foundry, Wan Chai,

Hongkong, April 1, 1870. my8

NOTICE.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Hawk having arrived from the above Ports, Consignee of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. TODAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th of May will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1870. my6

NOTICE.

A STEWARDESS for the S. S. Oceanic.

Apply at the OFFICE of the Occidental & Oriental S. S. Company.

Hongkong, April 29, 1870. my2

NOTICE.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, ZETLAND STREET.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1870.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargoes are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargoe has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Ex "Yangtze."

H. M. Lt. Mt. A. Marti, No. 1, 1 case Arms, from Marseilles.

Ex "Anday."

M. Joubert, Hanoi, 2 cases Wax, from Saigon.

Ex "Peih."

AMB (in diamond) { Nos. 8, Order, 1 case BL3 { Cotton, from London.

S.P. Order, 22 bags Stones, from Madras.

Ex "Sand."

M. P. 20 boxes Tobacco, from London.

K. J. (in diamond) { No. 105, Order, 1 case PU { Linen, from London.

Hongkong, April 29, 1870.

To-day's Advertisements.

BILLIARDS !!!

STAG HOTEL! STAG HOTEL!!

TO-NIGHT!
TO-NIGHT!!MESSRS. ROBERTS
AND SHORTER
WILL GIVE AN

Entire Change of Programme!

Entire Change of Programme!!

Play to Commence at 9 P.M. Prompt.

Admission \$2.

PROGRAMME OF PLAY,

500 sp—Hand versus Cue.

The Best of Five Games of Pyramids.

The Entertainment to close by Mr ROBERTS giving his Wonderful Fancy Strokes with Hand, Nose, and Cue.

N.B.—Mr SHORTER is open to give Lessons to GENTLEMEN. For Terms, apply to HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

Hongkong, April 29, 1870. ap30

FOR FOOCHOW (DIRECT).

The Steamship
"BRAEMAR CASTLE,"
will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at Noon, instead of at the time previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 29, 1870. ap30

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"NINGPO,"

R. Cass, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 30th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1870. ap30

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"HANKOW,"

Symington, Master, will have immediate despatch as above.

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Hongkong, April 29, 1870. my2

NOTICE.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, ZETLAND STREET.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1870.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew

of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:-

GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt. James Wilshire.—Gilmans & Co.

ONEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Jessen.—Ardhold, Karterg & Co.

QUEEN OF INDIA, British barque, Capt. R. H. Cary.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ELIJAH CASTLE, British steamer, Capt. Kidder.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ALICE, British barque, Captain George Robb.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PALMOS, French barque, Captain T. Parco.—Carlowitz & Co.

ANIE W. WERTON, American barque, Captain H. O. Winsor.—Order.

VEVUSIUS, American barque, Captain F. W. Cal.—Order.

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Hongkong, April 29, 1870.

DEPARTURES.

- April 29, Emil Julius, for Chasoo.
- 29, Feronia, for Hankow.
- 29, Chop Chung, Chi. R. O., for Canton.
- 29, Glenearn, for Shanghai.
- 29, China, for Canton.
- 29, Peih, for Marselles, &c.

OLEARED.

- Emilio V., for Manila.
- Ningpo, for Shanghai.
- W. H. Holcombe, for Portland (Oregon).
- Orestes, for Shanghai via Amoy.
- Braemar Castle, for Foochow.
- Abey Couper, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

- Per Normanby, from Sydney, Mr and Mrs Ed. Leavitt, Mrs H. Y. Leavitt, child and nurse, Mr and Mrs Lyall Grant and native servant, Messrs W. Krohn, J. Bathgate, J. A. H. Drought, F. Sandeman, and Frank England, and 98 Chinese; from Singapore, Mrs Ormiston, and 118 Chinese.
- Per Hawk, from London, Mr Moore, and 123 Chinese, for Hongkong; Miss Robson, Mr Warbourg, and Miss Head, for Shanghai.
- Per Teviot, from Saigon, 36 Chinese.
- Per China, from Shanghai, 30 Chinese.
- Per Pernambuco, from Saigon, 52 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

- Per Peih, for Singapore, Mr Sanchez del Aquila, and 2 Chinese; for Marselles, Messrs G. Bouleouze, S. E. Farrell, Captain D. Bohan, Mr and Mrs Lowcock.
- Per Shanghai: for Saigon, Lieut. Emile Jean-Pie, and Mr M. Charles; for Marselles, Mr Paul, Lieut.-Col. Knights, Messrs Leopold, and Millet, Mr and Mrs Mowat, and Mr Reeves.
- Per Foochow, for Marselles, Mr MacMahon and servant.

DEPARTED.

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manding 50 cents, the *Kinsan* 40 cents, and the *Powen* 30 cents. The *Ichang* is being altered by enclosing her close up to the outer railing. When the *Kinsan* left Canton this morning she left many distracted men behind her—those who would have given almost any price for a passage. The gates of the Wharf were closed about half past 4 o'clock this morning, and at 6 a.m. the gangways of the steamer were closed, and no more passengers allowed to embark. Hundreds flocked to the wharf, and some of these offered two, three, and even five dollars for a passage, but the tiling could not be done. The steamer left the wharf at half past 8 o'clock, and at Whampoa the same eagerness for a "lift" to Hongkong was met with. Two large boat-loads of human beings were left behind to bewail their hard fate, and were thus made to feel the power of the Hongkong Government. The *Ichang* now leaves Canton at almost any hour. The raising of the fares does not apparently diminish the demand for passage at present, and if things go on in this way, there will soon be room for further opposition.

The adjourned inquest on the body of Wong Asin, a Chinese woman who was killed by the falling of some earth, was resumed to-day at the Magistracy. The Jury comprised Messrs J. J. Howard, J. C. Hughes, and H. Kier. The building contractor (Hu Yi Tsui) stated that he employed a number of others to cut earth, and paid them 18 cash per basket. He had a permit from the Surveyor General to cut earth at the back of the Ko Shing Theatre. He had never told any one to cut earth elsewhere, and did not know it was being done. After some discussion as to the admissibility of some measures being taken to prevent coolies from cutting earth without permission, as they did not know the danger they ran, the Jury returned a verdict of "accidental death." The Coroner said that he knew that numbers of accidents happened from landslips, owing to the practice of indiscriminately cutting earth; but how was it to be prevented? It was not illegal, unless a notice was put up prohibiting it, or a railing was placed round; and even in that case it was only a trespass and could only be punished as a civil offence. Since he (Mr Croagh) had been Coroner there had been no less than six cases of death from this cause. Mr Kier said that when a man got a permit to cut earth at any particular spot he could in reality go anywhere he liked and cut earth. If an Indian constable asked him for his permit, he could produce it, and the constable, not being able to read either Chinese or English, would think it all right. It was in fact blinding the police. Mr Croagh said that certainly the permits might be issued in Sanscrit as well as in English and Chinese.

Stoxor Cagli and an Opera Company, fifteen in number, have arrived at Singapore and were to perform Verdi's Opera, *Il Traviatore*, in the Town Hall, Wednesday night. They have travelled all over India, and, judging from the favorable critiques of our contemporaries, says the Times, their presence amongst us affords lovers of music a rare opportunity of hearing some of the best musicians in the Italian world.

We take the following appreciative notice of the late Rev. Father M. F. Isaly, who died here some time ago, from the *Straits Times*:

The remains of the late Rev. Father M. F. Isaly, which were brought down from Hongkong some time ago, will, we are informed, be removed from the Procure House, Tenglin, to the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Queen Street, at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow, after which vespers will be sung. On Wednesday, at 6.30 A.M., a Pontifical High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated for the repose of his soul; after which the remains will be interred in the above Church. The late Father Isaly was attached to the Straits Mission for more than 30 years, and, about 8 years ago, finding his health declining fast, by the advice of his medical attendant, he went north to China for a change, but he had barely been a few months in Hongkong when he died, to the great grief of his Chinese congregation here, by whom he was held in the highest regard and estimation, not only for his great piety and devotion, but for his lively temperament and irreproachable conduct. The remains were brought down from Hongkong at the expense of his Chinese congregation.

The following question and answer appear in the reports of the proceedings in the House of Commons on the 17th March:

Sir Charles Dilke asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies whether there was any truth in the statement made in the *Straits Times* on the 7th of January last, that some official correspondence had been laid before the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements, containing, among other documents, specific instructions to guide the British residents in the neighbouring Malay Straits in the performance of their duties; and, if so, whether he would lay upon the table of that House copies of those instructions, and any further papers public interest relating to the affairs of those Malay States.

Sir M. Hick-Beach said it is true that some official correspondence was laid before the Council of the Straits Settlements, containing a circular from the Governor to the residents, calling their attention to the instructions issued for their guidance by Lord Carnarvon in 1878, and reminding them that they were advisers, and not rulers, in the states to which they were accredited. The papers which were laid before the Council, of course, were presented to Parliament; and I will confer with the Governor, who has just arrived home on leave, in order that as full information as possible on the subject shall be presented to the House.

ROBERTS AND SHORTER, BILLIARD PLAYERS.

These gentlemen made their first appearance in Hongkong, as professional billiard players, at the Stag Hotel yesterday evening, when an audience of some forty or fifty gentlemen patronized them, the audience comprising some of our best local amateur handlings of the cue. The billiard room of the "Stag" was commodious and neatly fitted up, and room was provided for over a hundred. We were sorry for these caterers to the public love of entertainment, their non-receipt of which may lead to a decrease of the enterprise which brings men so far East to show us the newest fads and tricks and perform for us what the newest opera; and second, those who neglected to come missed a treat. The gentlemen present saw a beautiful game played, and enjoyed it; they were liberal in their applause, when, now Shorter, now Roberts, made a stroke of surpassing excellence. They played 750 up, and Shorter gave his opponent 200 points. This gift was not marked up to Roberts' score on starting, which considerably confused some of the spectators. One gentleman emphatically declared, "he did not know which was Roberts, nor yet which was Shorter;" and was told by his friend that if he knew which was either he could pretty well guess who was the other. Things were adjusted to everybody's satisfaction however, when it was explained that "the shorter gent man was not Shorter; he was Shorter." To proceed to business, the taller gentleman broke the balls, giving a miss. Roberts did the same. They played quietly and carefully, without any driving, and by short breaks, until they stood: Shorter 51, Roberts 29. The former made a break of 44, ending it by loosing, through a defect in the table, a six shot beautifully played for; and Roberts made 22 of his 29 in one break. Both of them showed some beautiful play. The defect in the table referred to here in a raised patch right over the mouth of the right top pocket; apparently the corner of the cloth turned underneath. It will probably be got rid of before to-night's play comes on. In every other respect the table is a good one. The balls were not lost in position by Roberts when he made his 22 break; Shorter therefore failed to score, and Roberts, following, did the same. Mr Shorter then went in, and showed some extremely pretty play. He had luck against him, and the "hard-lines" into which Fate several times led him gained the sympathy of his audience, who very liberally applauded. He got the spot stroke, and did even consecutive pockets, on the left and right top pocket alternately, player's ball coming of the "cush" and, settling down in the same position every time. With occasional spots he made altogether eleven spot strokes in this break of 38, the next best break made during the evening. The game he left was Shorter 87, Roberts 51. Roberts then made a good break of 29, and was handsomely applauded. Shorter failed to score and gave him another chance, and he took advantage of this by scoring 22, making the game 92 all. Several other times they crossed each other in this way, but there was no extraordinary play to record, no fearful or wonderful shots to notice. It must be remembered, in connection with this fact, that Mr Roberts has not been playing since he was at Penang, some two months ago or more. Mr Shorter just arrived on Sunday from Singapore, and civilization has not yet advanced far enough to let us have swinging billiard tables on board all passenger ships, to allow of travellers whiling away in "practice" the long time that often hangs so heavy on their hands. The best break of the evening was Shorter's 67, which he ran up through a little careful nursing, and a score of 80 by the spot stroke,—that is 13 pockets. The beautiful way in which he kept the balls together was much admired. He closed this break, too, through the fault of the bad pocket, right top. Mr Shorter, who was now playing Roberts at an advantage, having pulled up the 200 conceded, scored a 23 break, and then a pretty five shot and four off the spot, making the game 500. Shorter, Roberts 431. An interval was allowed for a few minutes, when speculation was freely indulged in as to the chances of the game and extremely appreciative acknowledgement of the merits of the players. Mr Shorter had the ball pocket, right top. Mr Shorter, who was now playing Roberts at an advantage, having pulled up the 200 conceded, scored a 23 break, and then a pretty five shot and four off the spot, making the game 500. Shorter, Roberts 431. An interval was allowed for a few minutes, when speculation was freely indulged in as to the chances of the game and extremely appreciative acknowledgement of the merits of the players.

Mr Holmes appeared on behalf of the defendant. The case was adjourned last week, as order to allow of Mr Danby reporting on the work done. Mr Danby's report was to the effect that there had been negligence on both sides, and he advised that the costs be divided. His Lordship gave judgment for the amount proved to be due, viz. \$65.49. The original debt was \$137.49; plaintiff admitted having received \$42, and \$72.71 had been paid into Court. Judgment was therefore entered for the balance \$2.78 with costs.

Meyer and others v. Wong Suy-shang, \$1,000.—This was a claim on a promissory note. Mr Meyerinck admitted that \$400 had been paid since the summons was taken out, and the balance due was therefore only \$600. Mr Holmes, who appeared for the defendant, asked for an adjournment. His Lordship said he did not think he could grant this, unless the money were paid into Court; it was a claim on a promissory note, the validity of which was acknowledged by part payment.

It was then agreed to pay the money into Court. Later on, Mr Bereson, appeared for the plaintiff, and it was arranged to allow the matter to stand over till after next Court day, in order to allow of a cross action being taken for non-delivery of goods.

Police Intelligence.

(Before Mr. C. V. Croagh and Hon.

C. B. Plunkett.)

Tuesday, April 28th.

Chun Asau, a stonemason, was sent to one month's hard labour for stealing a bundle of clothes, paper, &c., valued at \$10, the property of a passenger by the steamer *Jehong*.

Ewah Alim, a doctor, was charged by Inspector Cradock with keeping a public gambling house at No. 83 Hollywood Road. The house was entered by a party of police under Inspector Cradock, yesterday afternoon, and they found unmistakable evi-

dence that he was used for public gambling. They found the trap door closed when they arrived, and could hear people rushing about. The police broke through the flooring, and then found the table strewn with counters and Indian cash. There were two means of escape from the house, one by a wooden ladder to the roof, and one by a rope leading from the window to the lane below. The defendant was arrested by P. C. No. 89 (August Marten) as he slid down the rope.

Cheng a Tong, bricklayer, deposed to

having got the game in hand, he twisted his own ball off the white ball, and sent it all round the table in a most bewildering and erratic fashion, flying about more like a billiard ball gone mad than a sensible and sober piece of ordinary ivory; ultimately bringing it gently up to the red which it just touched. In only one case did he play away from both balls. The spot, the white was over the left middle pocket. He played from the bottom left corner of the table, spinning his ball from the right cue, little under the pocket, on to the red, and cannoning direct. We append the score of the cannon game: Shorter:—1, 0, 0, 2, 1, 2, 1, 4, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 2, 4, 1, 20, 0, 1, 4, 1, —29 points, 22 openings.

Roberts:—0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0, 4, 2, 8, 21, 10, 5, 8, 8, 4, —75 points.

Mr Roberts, at the conclusion of the game, thanked the audience for their patronage, and stated that there would be a change of the entertainment this evening, when he would show what he could do in the way of "side" and fancy strokes, with the hand, the cue and the nose, and would also play a game of 600 with Mr Shorter. He then gave three or four pretty twists into the middle pocket, sink shot, &c. Placing the red over the top left pocket and the white over the middle, he played from the left bottom corner, and ran the ball right along the cushion, pocketing the white, cannoning, pocketing the red, and following it in; his own ball kept close on to the push the whole length of the table. A few wonderful screws, and throwing the balls two-thirds up the table, making them stop dead, were the other fancy strokes; they were warmly applauded.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. the Acting Pulane Judge, J. J. Francis, Esq.).

Sorabjee v. Blecher, \$6.—This was a claim for money lent. Defendant admitted owing the money, but said that it was for a lottery ticket. This plaintiff positively denied, and defendant as positively reiterated his statement. His Lordship said he must hear the case. The plaintiff having been declared, said that he was a shopkeeper carrying on business at 43 Hollywood Road. The debt now sued for money lent for which he had a promissory note. At the stage it was found that defendant had the promissory note in his possession. The Court only having the copy. His Lordship said that more care should be taken. The promissory note was found to be un stamped, and judgment was accordingly entered for defendant, the promissory note to be sent to Mr Lister, the collector of Stamp Revenue.

Sorabjee v. McGuire and others, \$100.—This was a claim on a promissory note. The defendants McGuire, Flynn and Collins, it appears, had guaranteed the payment of the note which was given to the plaintiff by McGuire for a debt of \$75. Collins and Flynn said that the plaintiff had promised to let the matter stand over for three months, from the 3rd March.

Edward Collins, sworn, stated that he belonged to the Dock Yard Police. McGuire had left the Colony and gone to England. He did not know McGuire was going away. He was dismissed from the force on the 20th of this month. McGuire was a prisoner in the Dockyard at Kowloon, and was to be taken before the Superintendent in the morning. Witness went to Sorabjee, and told him that if he did not at once take a summons out against McGuire, he would not have anything more to do with the promissory note, as he believed McGuire was going to be dismissed from the force. A threatening letter had been written by Sorabjee saying that if McGuire did not pay it would be worse for them (Collins and Flynn). McGuire had agreed to pay it at the end of the month, but had left the Colony.

Thomas Flynn gave corroborative evidence.

Sorabjee (the plaintiff) was then examined. He said that he had paid only \$75 to McGuire; the rest was interest. The reason he did not summon McGuire in January was that the defendants Collins and Flynn, had said they would make McGuire pay, as he had plenty of money.

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